N. T. Rama Rao were Rs. 10.91 lakhs. And the break-up, if the House is interested, I can give.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes, yes.

SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: For the assessment year 1978-79, which concerns the financial year in which it was raised, it was Rs. 85,392. For the assessment year 1979-80 which was raised in 1982-83, it was Rs. 3,95,998. Now this demand has been stayed by the departmental tribunal. Then for the assessment year 1980-81 for which year the demand was raised in financial year 1983-84, it is Rs. 6,90,738. The total adds up to Rs. 10,91,128. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, I am glad that the Finance Minister has supplied a list of 104 artistes, actors and actresses, both popular and unpopular, in respect of whom some lakhs of rupees are outstanding on account of income-tax.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Some go up to Rs. 60 lakhs.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: I see the first name in the list as that of Shri V. C. Ganeshan, against whom the demand outstanding as on 31st March, 1982 is Rs. 13 lakhs, as on 31st March, 1983, Rs. 14.21 lakhs and as on 31st March, 1984 the demand outstanding is Rs. 16.47 lakhs. Will the Minister kindly say whether this V. C. Ganeshan is the same person whose name is Shivaji Ganeshan, who is a nominated Member of this House, and who has since joined the ruling party at the Centre, and, if so, what prevents the Government to settle it at the party level without undergoing the incometax rules and procedures?

SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Sir, income-tax arrears are collected as per the Income-tax Act. This Government, at any rate does not believe in settling such matters at party level.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, first part of my question is not answered.

SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: If Mr. V. C. Ganeshan owes as much as the list contains, the last penny will be collected from him.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, the first part of my question is whether he is the same person.

SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: All that I know is that he is Mr. V. C. Ganeshan.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Sir, the Minister himself has stated in his reply that this is the demand raised by the department on various film personalities. Sir, several times it happens that the assessees contest these demand and appeals are pending. Will the Minister kindly tell us which are the demands actually accepted by the film personalities and pending payment and which are the demands that are still being contested so that a correct picture will emerge?

SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Sir, I did submit to the House that Shri N. T. Rama Rao has disputed it and it is now being adjudicated.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: And also the time given is six months, as the Minister has said.

Espionage activities by Indian defence personnel in Kashmir Valley

*227. SHRI KISHORE MEHTA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:†

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Indian defence personnel were found to be indulging in espionage activities in the Kashmir Valley in the recent past; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, indicating the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Investigations carried out so far have brought out the involvement of two non-commissioned officers and one other rank in a recent case of espionage in J&K. Disciplinary action has beeen initiated against them.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Suresh Kalmadi.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, in the last session I had asked this particular question and the then Defence Minister, Shri Venkataraman, had totally denied that there was espionage in Jammu & Kashmir in that particular area which I pointed out. Now, the hon. Minister says that two NCOs have been caught and one other rank. I have definite information that one officer of the rank of Major has also been caught. I do not know why the Defence Ministry is shielding him. I think in the next session he will probably admit to that also. I believe information has been given to certain personage agents. I would like to know what exact secrets of the Indian Army have been passed on to Pakistan and I would like to submit that it is a matter of grave concern that espionage is going on. Now, we have had the case of Larkins brothers. I think the Government should firmly deal with such cases. The accused should be court-martialled and the people who have been caught red handed the severest punishment must be given or the penalty of death must be given to these treacherous people. I would like to ask the hon. Minister now exactly what information was passed by these two NCOs and one other rank and whether a Major in the Army is also involved or not.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: The hon. Member is very right. He had asked question last time which was answered by me and it was Unstarred Question No. 1117 dated 8th May, 1984. The answer that I had given was on a question by Shri Dharam Chander Prashant. I had said: The matter is under investigation. Pending completion of detailed investigation, it would not be possible to state whether there has been any espionage or if any armed forces personnel were involved. Sir, this was in the month of May.

Now, the information which has been received from the intelligence agencies as well as the Army Headquarters regarding general background of this case is, two civilians, one Farooq Khan and one Abdul Karim from Chanipura in the police station Tangdhar were arrested on 15th February, 1984. The search by local police of the persons showed Pakistani currency worth Rs. 50 and a task slip reportedly given by the Pakistani intelligence officer. During interrogation these suspects appear to have aleged that a number of persons from the Army and para-military forces were involved in the espionage activities. On further information from police and investigation agencies, the local Army authorities undertook an investigation into this case and two Non-Commissioned Officers, one Havildar Cook, and another L. Naik Safaiwala, a recruit, were found to have been involved. *Prima facie* case exists that these three gentlement were involved. Further investigation was undertaken into Havildar Cook and L. Naik Safaiwala passing some army documents which they had stolen, to their civilian contacts, and then it was also found during investigation that Recruit Aksar Mir was reported to have been acting as courier even before his recruitment in the JK Light Infantry. Investigations are still continuing to find out whether other names which have been mentioned.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: One Major.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: No Major has been mentioned; no officer has been mentioned, Major, or otherwise. Investigations are continuing to find out whether other names mentioned as belonging to armed forces as well as the para-military forces are, in any way, involved or not.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think we leave it there. If you want further discussion, you will have to ask more questions. Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Interpretation of Salyut-7 images for Geological Analysis

*224. SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state whether it is a fact that interpretation of the images of India transmitted by spacecraft Salyut-7 has commenced for geological analysis to explore petroleum potential?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Yes, Sir; photographs taken during the Remote Sensing Experiment 'TERRA' conducted during the Joint Indo-Soviet manned Space flight are in